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PAYING TRUST LOOT NEARS \$500,000 MARK

BIG PARADE OF UNITY LEAGUERS IN PRIMARY TILT

In the big parade of Unity Leaguers in the primary fight for precinct committee in Delaware county there are several very old political faces in the state.

George Cromer has his boys in the "swim" if he knows what we mean and his co-partners in the grab for the county Republican machine control again are the subliminal postmaster Billy Williams of Selma, Jim Fitch, the lobbyist and census supervisor that managed to get one ex-service man on the county staff, Lon Thornburg, the big room and bath man of the Roberts and Delaware hostilities, and the same old gang.

Ira J. Wilson, ex-county treasurer, is slated for the committee in the First precinct while in the Second Precinct the name of E. Kniffin Wilson, understudy for Ed Quirk in taking the business and manufacturing census of Muncie, appears on the league slate.

Lon Thornburg, in person, attacks the Fourth Precinct voters for the league's representative from that precinct and that valiant Unity Leaguer, Loring Mellette, another census enumerator, files for the Fifth Precinct.

Barnes Up Again.
Robert D. Barnes who was "hobbed" out of the mayoralty chair by the voters last November is the slate's candidate for the Ninth Precinct and he will have to be more successful this time than at the last presentation before the voters, to keep in the good graces of "In the Swim" Cromer.

James S. Scott, one of the board of managers for the candidacy of Paul Leffler, the Unity favorite for that important office of prosecutor, has filed for the Tenth precinct and Allen Jackson, who is in no good company when he joins the Unity Leaguers, hopes to be the Cromer good-will boy for the Twelfth Precinct.

John Brown, remember him, he's one of the venomous poison squad leaders, and with the dope cooked up by Cromer-Billy Williams-Fitch-Thornburg crowd in the basement of the Roberts Hotel, John takes it all in and then begins to exhale it to the merry tune of a traveling

hurdy-gurdy. He's on the slate for the Thirteenth Precinct.

Fred Strohm, one of the census enumerators and as far as it be ascertained the lone ex-service man on the count, is candidate of the league for the Fourteenth Precinct. It was hard to determine whether Fitch placed Strohm on the census job because of his service for the flag or the Unity League.

Sutton Proxy For Fitch
Orville Sutton is the proxy for Jim Fitch in the Fifteenth Precinct as he was last fall when he turned over the affairs of that precinct to Jim and announced to the vice-committee that Fitch could run the thing as far as he was concerned. And Jim did, but not very well.

In the Twentieth Precinct Herbert Benadum, third assistant secretary of the straw boss of the city bars under the Hampton administration, is aspiring for the committee as the League's slated candidate.

George Dick, another Unity man, has filed for the Twenty-third Precinct. He has a brother, Charles, from the Twenty-fourth Precinct came Charles G. Samuels, the circular letter man, but who ever heard of him, except perhaps some of the Unity League subordinates. They have been many amusing comments as to who is this Charles G. Samuels who appears so suddenly as a right hower for George W. Cromer, renown swimmer. Your guess is as good as ours.

From out in the country precincts comes the name of Charles Kern, a committeeman of the Thirtieth Precinct. Kern is a Unity League slated candidate for the committee.

William S. Barlow, brother of the notorious "Pete" of gambling and liquor law violation fame, filed for the league from the Forty-first Precinct which is at Albany, Ray, Shaw, another census enumerator, is also filed for that job and a merry contest may be expected.

As the primary race waxes warmer it is expected the voters will be treated to a most amusing month of recitation of political ambitions to the merry tune of a traveling

Last Year Hampton Board of Works Spent Or Contracted For Almost \$1,000,000 In Streets And Public Works

To Investigate Activities of Wm. G. Morrison

LATE BULLETIN

Judge L. A. Guthrie in Circuit Court late this afternoon set April 22 as date for trial of injunction suits against city officials and members of the board of public works in connection with the paving trust attempt to recover cancelled contracts involving more than \$300,000 worth of public work let by Hampton board of public works on the high priced scale.

Trial of injunction suit against board of public works using the gasoline tax refund of 1929 received in 1930 also set on same date. Court granted temporary injunction against resurfacing of South Walnut street contract to be paid from gas tax fund.

Investigation into the merciless looting of the taxpayers and the city government during the past four years by the paving trust reveals the most amazing fact that nearly \$500,000 in profit and overcharge was squeezed from the people of Muncie.

Activities of the paving trust and the high prices obtained for their work through peculiar closed specifications of the Hampton board of public works crushing competition might be termed a conspiracy to rob the property owners and taxpayers of the city of this vast sum.

Who got the \$500,000 and how it was distributed is the most illuminating chapter in exploitation of property owners that could be uncovered. On the witness stand a few days ago William M. Birch, the asphaltic concrete phase of the paving trust, admitted that twenty percent profit was figured.

Now the difference between this high figure of profit and what was the actual profit as revealed through obtaining costs of construction shows still more than a quarter of a million dollar loot found its way into pockets—and interesting development of whose pockets it went into will follow continued investigation.

During the municipal primary and election and for years prior to that time the editor of the Post-Democrat has stood with hundreds of taxpayers in charging that the paving trust robbed the people of Muncie and the city out of a most surprising sum. This charge was hurled through the Post-Democrat, over the radio and in campaign talks.

Not until he was elected mayor did the damaging facts of what might be termed a conspiracy to rob the people become available. Prior to his election the records were in hands of dupes of the trust and only by the most vigorous of investigation could any inkling of the amazing plot be unearthed. With the records of the Hampton board of works, bids and non-collusion statements sworn to before notary public now available, the first survey of them revealed facts and conditions that even astonished him and associates in the new administration.

It can readily be seen that the paving trust was merciless in its onslaught on the taxpayers for last year the Hampton board of public works either spent or contracted for nearly \$1,000,000 worth of street, alley, sidewalk, curb and gutter and sewer construction in the city of Muncie.

When the Hampton board of public works "signed off" early in January it had let contracts for streets, alleys, sidewalks, curb and gutter and sewer construction during 1929 to the tune of \$542,631.62. This amount was what might be termed "in the bag" for the paving trust and most of it was completed and the money collected.

In addition its books contained contracts for streets, alleys, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and sewers let mostly to paving trust firms and these contracts were rushed through last summer and fall when it was apparent that the editor of the Post-Democrat would be elected and their arch foe placed in charge of the city for the coming four years.

For these unfinished but already let contracts the engineers estimate was \$360,555.00 and they were to be completed anytime up until Sept. 1, 1930. Indication of the chill received by the paving trust in the election is shown in their rush to their "own" board of works for an extension of time until Sept. 1, 1930. Never before in the history of the four years does the records of the Hampton board of public works show such wholesale extension of time for completion of contracts as was granted last fall just prior to and following the election of the new mayor.

So in 1929 the Hampton board of public works spent or contracted for nearly \$1,000,000 worth of public work with almost every cent going to the paving trust.

This most astounding plot for robbing the property owners and the city itself through the high prices resulting from closed specification and crushing of competition stands out clearer when the following table is consulted. It shows the expenditures by years during the past administration and from it may be gleaned the final drive of the paving trust against the property owners.

1926 EXPENDITURES.	
(From filed report of City Engineer)	
Street Paving	\$ 96,572.52
Paving of alleys	4,018.22
Curb and gutters	8,997.08
Sidewalks	5,824.47
Sewers	12,549.98
Total	\$ 127,962.27
1927 EXPENDITURES.	
(From filed report of City Engineer)	
Street paving	\$114,191.71
Paving of alleys	18,150.55

Curb and gutters	38,668.86
Sidewalks	14,466.90
Sewers	14,751.00
Total	\$ 200,229.02

1928 EXPENDITURES	
(From filed report of City Engineer)	
Street paving	\$184,118.62
Paving of alleys	17,104.33
Curb and gutters	30,981.91
Sidewalks	23,187.67
Sewers	28,862.50
Total	\$ 284,255.03

1929 EXPENDITURES.	
(From filed report of City Engineer)	
Street paving	\$387,845.15
Paving of alleys	14,238.63
Curbs and gutters	76,250.28
Sidewalks	16,704.49
Sewers	47,593.07
Total	\$ 542,631.62

Grand total for Four Year Period—\$1,155,077.94
Engineers estimated cost on unfinished contracts awarded in haste last summer and fall \$ 360,555.00
Total for Hampton board of works—paving trust regime \$1,515,632.94

It may be easily discerned from these figures that during the first year of the Hampton administration the paving trust was not in high gear, and in fact close examination of the records shows that the year was nearly half over before the right way was found to further the trust's grab for the property owner's dollar.

During this year of 1926 the street paving, according to the figures from the report of Paul White, city engineer, expenditure was but \$96,572.52. That was what might be termed a little above the average year for that type of improvement. Alleys, curbs and gutters, sidewalks and sewers brought the total up to \$127,962.27 according to White's figures.

Intrenched and with their plans gathering speed the paving trust the year of 1927 spurred ahead and a pretentious street paving program of \$114,191.71, by White's reports, and with the other customary accessories the public work bill mounted to \$200,229.02. This might have been a danger signal to the taxpayers and property owners that the drive for squeezing them dry was under way.

Fortified with the juicy mellon of 1927 the paving trust started in on the whole mellon patch of taxpayers and property owners and when the year of 1928 ended public improvements to the tune of \$284,255.03, according to White's reports, were foisted upon the citizens. Of this sum the street paving activities of the paving trust brought about an expenditure of \$184,118.62.

It will be noted that the 1928 expenditures were nearly twice as much as the previous year and more than three times as much as the first year of the attack by the paving trust.

Filled with the unholy desire to get everything in sight while the getting was good and embolden by the success of the first three years the paving trust went into the final year of the Hampton administration to the amount of \$542,631.62 for public improvements.

Their gigantic street paving program cost the property owners and taxpayers \$387,845.15 while the other customary improvements boosted the total past the half million mark.

Not content with this tremendous grab the final gesture of the paving trust and the Hampton board of public works was contracts for \$360,555,000 (engineers estimate) making a grand total of nearly \$1,000,000 alone for last year.

When it became apparent that their crowd was going to lose at the polls and their opponent would be successful the Hampton board of public works and the paving trust rimmed in the final stab to the taxpayers and property owners and went in deep.

These illuminating figures indicate the plundering of the paving trust for the past four years and their attempt to saddle their high cost jobs on the citizens for at least another year.

Beginning Feb. 21, this year, the board of public works rescinded the contracts for the \$360,555.00 of work let by the Hampton board during last summer and fall even when there was no possibility of completing the work while it was in office.

With the thought in mind to save the property owners from any more looting on the unfinished contracts the new board of works and the mayor took the decisive action on the \$360,555.00 of unfinished contracts. This move has been strenuously fought by the paving trust through the institution of injunction suits in Circuit Court.

On the projects relet by the board of works to the Andrews Paving Company there has been a saving of 20 cents per square yard over the paving trust's bid submitted by William M. Birch Company for asphaltic concrete which is an inferior product to the sheet asphalt bid submitted by the Andrews concern.

On the basis of the paving trust bids for similar work during the Hampton board of works regime there is a saving of 37 cents per square yard on the relet jobs. These awards to the Andrews concern are being contested in court by the paving trust through their injunction proceedings.

Now lets talk about the profit angle that William M. Birch was so hesitant about testifying in the first injunction suit's preliminary hearing.

His admitted twenty per cent profit is certainly a most

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POLICE PUT FINAN IN, BUT MANN LETS HIM OUT---HO, HO!

Billy Finan, notorious liquor law violator and political cohort of the discredited Democratic machine, is free again.

Without even getting his pants scorched or a verbal spanking from J. Frank Mann, this pernicious liquor law denizen was given a suspended sentence in City Court. For thirty days Billy must not be himself—he must be good.

Ironical as it may seem, this person, J. Frank Mann had published in the "mourning misel" otherwise The Star, yesterday morning a most insulting tirade against Mayor Dale in which the city court bench warmer charged that the city executive through failure to give Mann's son-in-law bailiff case, line money was aiding the bootleggers for without the gasoline refund the subpoenas were not served.

Mayor Scents Move
It was with amusement that friends of Mayor Dale read the Mann act in the "misel" and the mayor knowing the city court bench warmer from many years' experience merely remarked:
"Well, Mann is going to turn Billy Finan loose this afternoon and here's his smokescreen in The Star."

How true it turned out to be, for those following the situation easily recall that Billy Finan was a client of Wilbur Sims, discredited Democratic city chairman, whose political alliances of last primary resulted in many requests for his ousting from the chairmanship.

Wilbur has not lost a case in City Court since Mann went on the bench as far as we can ascertain and in fact Finan's case for the week of last Monday was the only one that proceeded Mann's letting loose Wilbur Sims clients the police had so unceremoniously arrested.

Every time Mann has desired to let loose a Wilbur Sims client he has either delivered a lack of confidence tirade against the police or else hauled out a Supreme Court decision longer than his memory to use as a smoke screen for the events which are to follow.

This tirade yesterday morning preceding the Finan travesty and it was just as certain as sunset that Billy would be freed from going to jail which he hates to do.

Mann admitted this time the police force was good and the mayor a picker of good officers.

Fought For Billy
Mann's excuse for suspending sentence on Finan was that the city fighting politically for years and since there was apparently no specific sale of liquor he was ready to let by-gones be by-gones and begin all over again.

Now the nearest to fighting with Billy Finan that Mann ever reached was in the first administration of Roll Bunch when Mann as prosecuting attorney did quite a lot of fighting to try to keep the whole Bunch regime from getting indicted, but the grand jury at that time chased Frank out and returned their own indictments.

Mann refused to sign the indictments, but he signed them just the same. The grand jury declared him to be a weak sister and appointed another prosecutor for the cases against Gene Williams, Cromer-Republican deputy of Mann's, the ex-mayor and his whole crowd. Mann then had the audacity to publicly declare he was going on the stand to testify in Williams behalf, but the grand jury and the judge at that time had audacity, too, they kicked him unceremoniously out of the cases.

Regarding the refusal of Henry H. Harrison, son-in-law bailiff, to serve subpoenas on his own or father-in-law's gasoline it will be recalled that previous bailiffs for more than a score of years served subpoenas in good and bad weather, sunshine and rain, and the law expects the bailiff to do it without regard to weather changes for the week.

His predecessor served all the court subpoenas and didn't get a cent extra and that was under the Generous Hampton regime, at that.

But if Henry wants to go over in the corner and cry about it and hear his pretty eyes with tears, the mayor says that he'll go down in his own pocket and pay a few dollars the son-in-law bailiff squawks about just so Henry can have his way.

"But Henry will have to go to a low price station and not fill up on this here Ethyl," was the mayor's parting remark in dismissing the subject.

HEAT WAVE BREAKS ALL APRIL RECORDS

Chicago, April 11.—(UP)—Prawny showers brought some relief to the midwest today after a 24-hour heat wave that drove temperatures to the highest point in any April in history.

All-time seasonal heat records were broken at a dozen or more cities in the central states. Chicago recorded 90.2 degrees at 3 p. m. yesterday. That was not only the hottest April day since weather bureau records have been kept but was within a few degrees of May and June high marks and within 12 degrees of the all-time heat record of 102 degrees established on Aug. 21 1901.

Chicagoans, scarcely recovered from the big blizzard two weeks ago, sought succor from the heat at the beaches. One swimmer, a schoolboy, was drowned after being seized with cramps. The body of the boy, Bruno Gizona, 19, was recovered last night after police had dragged Lake Calumet for five hours.

Hot gusts billowed over most of the midwest and southwest, sweeping in a northeasterly direction. Farmers in Nebraska and Kansas were downcast with fears of a drought as their fields baked under the sun.

Among points reporting heat records broken were St. Louis, with 92 degrees; Milwaukee, 90; Kansas City, 92; Omaha, 92; Peoria, 92; and Des Moines and Dubuque, Ia., 92. Hayes and Phillipsburg, Kan., were the hottest places in the country with 98-degree records.

First rain fell in Chicago shortly before 2 a. m. today. Other showers were forecast for the ensuing 24 hours, with a shift in the wind so as to allow breezes from Lake Michigan to cool off the city and surrounding territory.

WILL INVESTIGATE ILLINOIS PRIMARY

Washington, April 11.—(UP)—The picturesque battle resulting in nomination of the first woman candidate of a major party for the Senate, Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, Illinois, will be one of the first to be investigated by the Senate committee designated to inquire into political expenditures.

Simultaneously, the inquiry will be directed into the first between two Pennsylvania political giants, Senator Joseph R. Grundy, Republican financial genius, and president W. W. Atterbury of the Pennsylvania railroad.

These twin inquiries at the outset of the committee's work, probably beginning next week, seemed assured today in view of the char-

ges Grundy has made against Atterbury and the private allegations that Mrs. McCormick spent a large amount of money to defeat Senator Charles S. Deneen in the Illinois primary last Tuesday.

The investigation of all Senatorial elections this year was decided on late yesterday when the Senate hastily adopted the Norris resolution appropriating \$100,000 for a special committee immediately after the resolution passed Vice-President Curtis appointed the following committee: Hiram Johnson, aggressive Republican of California, chairman; Goldsborough, Rep., Maryland; Patterson, Rep., Missouri; Pittman, Dem., Nev., and Wagner, Dem., N. Y.

VESTAL BRANDED PARTY BOLTER BY DAVIS IN SPEECH

Stinging rebuke as a party bolt-er was hurled against Albert Vestal, present Congressman from the Eighth District, by Joseph Davis, opponent of the veteran politician, for the Republican nomination of Congressman, in a radio speech recently.

Davis in a scathing denunciation of the present incumbent pointed out that Vestal left the Republican party in the Anderson mayoralty contest and formed a third party because his candidate was defeated in the primary of last May.

"I love the Republican party," Davis added. "It has been the party of my family since the time of its inception. My grandfather voted for Fremont in 1856, and was so enthusiastic for Lincoln that he named my father after him. I believe in its precepts and its platform, and its principles. I have always supported it, and I shall always support it."

"That is more than my opponent can say. Only last fall he bolted the Republican party. Last spring in the Anderson mayoralty primary, Vestal's candidate was defeated and Vestal did not like that a bit. On October 17, Vestal led a bolt on the Republican ticket. He formed a third party and called it a Citizens Ticket and he placed a ticket in the field against his own Republican ticket."

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RADIO ADDRESS MONDAY NIGHT ON JEFFERSON

Mrs. P. E. Early, vice chairwoman of the Delaware County Democratic Central committee, has received a communication that at 9:30 o'clock Central Standard time, Monday evening there will be a Jefferson Birthday address delivered over the National Broadcasting chain of stations.

Although the natal day of Thomas Jefferson, father of Democracy, is Sunday, April 13, the special address for this occasion has been set for Monday night with Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, as the speaker. There will be a nation wide radio hookup over the N. B. C. and it is

expected that Democrats from all parts of the United States will tune in on their nearest station of the National Chain and hear these special exercises. Arrangements for the event were made by the Democratic National Committee.

Mrs. Early has received a letter from R. Earl Peters, chairman of the state committee, urging the Democratic women to continue their good work in chasing the discredited Republican machine out of office. He cautioned against false security among the party followers in view of the successes of last fall and told them to be aware of the customary G. O. P. propaganda.

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Primary "Low Down"

Now that the filing period for the coming primary has ended and it is known who is who in the "seeking for public office" the Post-Democrat will again as usual print the news about the candidates.

The Post-Democrat has a reputation for giving the "low down" on political happenings whether or not it is the Republican party or the Democratic party and there are many who can testify that this newspaper has been just as merciless on its own party as the opposition when the occasion presents itself.

Just because the Post-Democrat is a Democratic newspaper is no reason why it should blind itself to the affairs of its party and devote all its space to attacking the opposition. For it has been known that affairs of its own party needed airing more than a few times.

No candidate can think that just because he is on the Democratic ticket the Post-Democrat will be silent if the occasion needs any outspoken barbs. This newspaper has stood fearless for a real, useful Democratic party in Delaware county and the city of Muncie that would serve the citizens and give them a square deal.

There have been times when the Democratic party through its bosses made unholy alliances that might be termed a "sell out" of the thousands of good, loyal party members even before the primary or election and this condition previously has received considerable attention in this newspaper. That policy continues and will keep on.

First of a series of "primary low downs" appears on the front page of this issue and the personalities discussed are discussed on their merit—if they could be said to have any merit for the working men and women of Muncie. Political exploiters and racketeers will be classified so that the voters will know exact who is who and why they are "why," if you know what we mean.

Interesting times are ahead for the citizens of Muncie for the primary represents the struggle between the people and vested interests. Vested interests, exploiters and racketeers generally have the greatest war chests to capture the government units, but very often the citizens become aroused and assert their rights like they did last fall in Muncie and in three score other cities in Indiana. They are tired of being exploited, racketeered and then graciously left to foot the bill out of their pockets when every penny is needed by the working man to sustain his home and family in these trying days.

Watch for the "low downs" from now on until the primary and election next fall.

Council Interprets Citizens Wishes

When the city council sustained the veto on the airport bond issue of \$125,000 they interpreted the wishes of the most of the citizens of Muncie. There are still a few who believe the plunger's desire should have risked that unusually large sum on a venture that was still in the future.

Upon petitions nearly 5,000 persons expressed opposition to the proposed bond issue at this time while in its favor was the resolution of the Chamber of Commerce and some of the luncheon clubs. In the ward of which Councilman Clarence Hole is the city dad a petition signed by his personal friends and acquaintances informed him in no uncertain terms that they did not believe this the proper time for such an extensive development of the Johnson gift to the city.

Some persons favoring the airport development on the grandiose scale have expressed the view that Abbott Johnson, donor of the airport, should take back his 160 acres and feel highly insulted at the desire of the taxpayers to refrain from such an expenditure of \$125,000 at this time.

Instead, Mr. Johnson who is a member of the aviation commission, has expressed the view that perhaps some adequate development might be arranged so that in the next decade under the present aviation levy the necessary structures may be built and improvements added as the traffic demands. This is a most reasonable and characteristic view of a person of the caliber of Mr. Johnson.

There was most spirited interest in the airport and it was probably one of the most discussed subjects during the time it occupied the stage of affairs in Muncie. The council passed the ordinance by a vote of 10 to 3 with Councilmen Tomelson, Winder and Maick opposing it from the very beginning. On the sustaining of the veto vote they were joined by Councilmen Hole and Shroyer who expressed the view that in changing their affirmative vote they were interpreting the wishes of the citizens of their respective wards.

There is a lure to aviation. It has a future. But perhaps in attempting to interpret the future development there would have been a waste of the taxpayers money without gaining the desired position for Muncie in air travel field.

Expression of so much opposition by so many Muncie citizens was a most effective gauge of the true feeling of the people on the airport. It showed that they were keeping abreast with the affairs in their city and were of no mood to sit back and accept the verdict of their legislative body without emphatic expression of their desires.

Now it has been a long time since the citizens of Muncie could find a legislative body that would listen to what they had to say for it may be remembered that for many years past most of the actions of previous councilmanic bodies were of a cut and dried nature that seldom took the voters into consideration after the election.

Council sessions under the new administration have been to capacity houses as the theatrical profession would speak of the crowds attending. There has been most unusual interest shown for the topics being considered were of a nature that aroused the citizens.

The council in interpreting the wishes of the citizens of Muncie will be doing their community a most appreciative service and find that their efforts will reflect in the progress of Muncie for the people of this community are progressive. Tried and true progress will find a ready response in Muncie citizens.

"Patting Down" vs. "Passing Up"

Some citizens have complained that they were "patted down" by the police seeking to ascertain whether or not the person possessed any weapons or liquor in the hip pockets.

To them that is a new procedure. To them it is a new sensation for previous police departments have failed to

stir around and be on the job. Just because this department is up on its toes every minute seems strange to some of the citizens who enjoyed no such attentions during past administrations.

It is true that past administrations police departments spent more time "passing up" law violators than "patting down" to see if the suspect was a law violator. Several of these citizens complaining were in position where it would be good police work to investigate activities. But because no other police department had shown such keen interest these citizens felt it necessary to let it be known that it never happened to them before.

Well, Art Stout, Billy Robertson, Billy Finan and several others can testify that it never happened to them before, but a great deal has happened to them since the new administration took office. And it will continue to happen to law violators for the police are on the job every minute and have shown more enthusiasm for their work than the last administration's force showed in trying to "pass up" instead of "pat down."

Plumbers Ordinance Killed

By voting to uphold the veto on the plumbing inspection ordinance the city council killed an ordinance that would have been the source of unceasing trouble. Its purpose was to place plumbing inspection in the hands of persons who received their examination and resultant grading from two master plumbers and a journeyman plumber.

This was viewed by the mayor as an unwarranted attack on the theory of independent inspection such as is intended by placing it in the building commissioners office. Master plumbers have not been satisfied with the inspection from that department and desired to transfer it to one of their own men.

All of which brings to mind just why the work of the master plumbers needs inspection. It seems incredible in this day and age that a plumbing establishment could not do its work for the property owner in a manner that was deemed right without having to be checked upon by a governmental unit.

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still one for the taxpayers to submit to, but nevertheless they had to bear it with a grin until the last municipal election when they had an opportunity to elect a man who proclaimed that he would stop the paving barons from their plundering and overcharging.

Figures from the Hampton administration city engineer when checked upon the basis of William H. Birch's testimony, the figures obtained in the reletting of bids for the same job and comparison of construction costs shows that in addition to the twenty percent profit that the paving trust exacted there was at least another twenty to twenty-five percent overcharge due to the fact that competition in bidding had been destroyed.

Comparison of construction costs and contracts let to the paving trust during the past four years would lead one to strongly to believe that the actual profit plus overcharge was sufficient to loot the property owners of Muncie and the city through intersection costs of near \$500,000.

William M. Birch's admitted profit would be more than \$250,000 for the four years of paving trust. This is most certainly a liberal contribution of the taxpayers to the municipal ambitions of William M. Birch and his associates in the paving trust.

To have the paving trust exact another tribute of near the \$250,000 mark in addition to the most liberal profit accorded them by the Hampton board of public works seems like adding a stiff penalty for the friendship of the citizens of Muncie.

It will take the paving trust boys many months to clip the coupons that they have been so generously handed by the Hampton board of public works and these gentlemen of the asphaltic concrete and cement surface should be most content to retire and give the property owners their chance to save money.

Instead, these despoilers of property rights and gougers desire to continue their hold on the taxpayers throat despite the fact that last election saw them bodily thrown out of the city hall. And it seems the taxpayers acted just in time for another four years of these exploiters and their associates would certainly have plunged Muncie citizens into such a financial chaos that it would have taken several years for recovery.

Trial of the injunction suits will be watched eagerly by the citizens of Muncie who for the past four years felt they were being robbed out of their shirt and B. V. D's, but with the silence of the daily press and the lack of desire of the past administration to interfere, the pleas for help came to naught until the editor of the Post-Democrat got into the fray and began fighting the battle for the working man in Muncie.

Those who pay taxes this year can look at their improvement phase and mentally check off twenty per cent for profit to the paving trust and another twenty or twenty-five percent to the "exploiters" of the trust and its many ramifications.

One of the ramifications of the paving trust is said to drift into the vicinity of the company where Billy Morrison presides as president and treasurer. There have been several stories circulated as to the activities of Mr. Morrison and the paving trust and investigation may bring some new and strange facts to light.

In addition to the survey of the Hampton board of public works records and bids and other data now available at the city hall some definite inquiry has been made into activities of the paving trust.

Several property owners have reported that they felt the streets paved during the past year or two by the paving trust have not been quite up to specifications and a preliminary inquiry into this feature brought to light the startling fact that the property owners reports had most favorable merit.

During the next few weeks some interesting situations may be brought to light on the subject of specifications and the jobs as they were "done" by the paving trust.

Liberty Man Can't Give His Dog Away

Liberty, Ind., April 11.—(UP)—Jesse Marshall, Liberty, can't give away his dog.

Three times he has presented the pet to friends, and three times it has returned. First, it was taken to Boston, Ind.; then to New Paris, O., and finally to Winchester, Ind.

Appropriately, Marshall said, he found a road map in the dog's kennel after its latest return.

Southwest Drouth May Curtail Crops

Kansas City, Mo., April 11.—Severe drouth parching the wheat fields of the southwest, may beat the government to a crop curtailment program, reports indicated here last night.

Below average rainfalls and resultant dry fields prevailed in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri, farm authorities said.

The situation was more encouraging in Texas where sufficient moisture was reported for growing crops.

THINK DOGS KILLED AND MANGLED BABE

Buffalo, N. Y., April 11.—(UP)—Five dogs were under observation at the Erie pound today as a result of the death of Phyllis Gottschalk, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gottschalk, whose mangled body was found in a field near her home in Mount Vernon late Wednesday. A sixth dog will be taken to the pound later today for observation.

Outstanding among the suspects is a large, thin, one-year-old police dog called "Wolf." Wolf is the property of a neighbor of the Gottschalks and is said to have played

with the little girl on several occasions. The girl's body was found Wednesday afternoon by two playmates. It was in a horrible condition, large pieces of flesh having been torn from thigh and shoulder. The report that she might have been criminally attacked was dispelled when an autopsy was performed. The autopsy, said none that the child had died of shock. Medical Examiner Dominicus, who performed the autopsy, said none but canine teeth could have torn the child's body to such a degree.

Sport Shorts

(By the United Press)

Goshen high school diamond pastimers opened the season yesterday with a light hitting and fielding practice but regular baseball training will not be started until next week after the spring football practice closes. The first conference game will be against the LaPorte Slicers at LaPorte on April 25.

Hammond sportsmen met last night to discuss plans for bringing the Kankakee river back to its old glory as a sportsmen's paradise. The Lake county fish and game protective association is behind the move and has secured the cooperation of the state conservation department. The plan is to raise the water level to restore swamp lands that were drained several years ago to restock the pools with fish.

Clinton's 1930 football team has drawn a tough group of teams to battle on the gridiron next fall, but coach Spike Kelly is looking forward to the season optimistically. Nearly 75 men have been reported daily for spring practice and if he so desires he can put a team on the field that will average 175 pounds. The first game is Sept. 19, and the schedule follows: Jasperville, Sullivan, Emerson of Gary; Open. Shortridge, Central of Evansville, Muncie, Garfield (Terre Haute), Linton, Gertsmeier of Terre Haute and Harrison Tech of Chicago.

SCHOOL HEADS OF STATE AID GET BLAME IN PLIGHT

State Board of Accounts Finds Salaries Higher Than in Self-Supporting Units.

Indianapolis, April 11.—School officials in state aid districts were blamed for a large amount of the financial difficulties of their schools in a report submitted yesterday to Governor Harry G. Leslie by Ross Teckemeyer, field examiner of the state board of accounts.

The report, prepared under direction of Lawrence F. Orr, chief examiner of the accounts board, alleged that the state aid school officials were less judicious than non-state aid school men in their expenditures. Several county superintendents in the state aid class operate under a policy of getting as much money as possible from the state fund, the report asserted.

Salaries Kept Low Teachers are employed as near the minimum wage schedule as their grades and licenses will allow in the nonstate aid schools, while in some state aid units the maximum is paid, Mr. Teckemeyer's report stated.

Rural high schools are the exception in nonstate aid territory, and more general in state aid counties, the report continued. DeKalb county with fifteen townships, has but three high schools; Allen county, with twenty townships, has only five rural schools, while Monroe county, a state aid county with ten townships, has five high schools; Lawrence county, with ten townships and a state aid county, has eight high schools; Dubois county has high schools in three of four state aid townships and Perry county, with seven townships, has six high schools.

In self-supporting districts small towns that are incorporated and unable to support themselves dissolve, whereas in state aid territory they claim aid, the report stated.

LARGE BUILDING PROGRAM PLANNED

Government Will Make Effort To Relieve Unemployment This Year.

Washington, April 11.—(UP)—Continuing its effort to push building to stimulate business the treasury department is planning to transmit to Congress shortly requests for appropriations aggregating about \$25,000,000 to finance construction of new federal buildings in all parts of the nation. While aggregate federal building expenditures this year will aggregate approximately \$132,000,000, Congress will be asked only for about \$25,000,000 inasmuch as the larger amount needed already has been appropriated in the past.

More than 100 building projects are to be included in the requests that will go to Congress in the future, treasury officials said. The federal building program is being accelerated this year in line with President Hoover's policy of increased construction as a means of relieving unemployment.

The Indian village of Oraibi, in Arizona, is known to have been inhabited since 1870, and thus is said to be the oldest community continuously inhabited in the United States.

Sea gulls, much maligned as destroyers of duck eggs, are real friends of the farmer, saving him many dollars by following the plowman in newly-plowed fields and devouring the upturned bugs and worms.

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"LINCO QUALITY NEVER VARIES"

PUBLIC HEALTH

This column is conducted by the city Board of Health, and will be devoted to the interests of all concerned. Short editorials, dealing with timely topics, will appear from time to time, and all questions of public interest pertaining to health, sanitation or Board of Health activities will be answered as space permits.

Address communications to H. D. Fair, M. D., 122 West Jackson Street.

Exercise

The progress of modern times has made the life of man in the factory and in business more and more sedentary. This condition should be recognized and corrected by proper exercise and outdoor life during the hours of leisure in order to counteract the artificial and oftentimes injurious effects of the indoor life in the home and place of employment.

The spring is naturally a good time to make these changes for at this season there seems to be a natural tendency to emulate nature and to participate in the rejuvenation and invigoration shown throughout the entire plant and animal kingdom.

The exercise necessary to promote health will vary in accordance with the activity and occupation of the individual. The laborer, at the end of a day's work, does not need something to strengthen his muscles or to induce perspiration. He may need something that has an exhilarating effect on his nervous system. The same is true of the housewife who does her own work.

Health of the muscles and heart is important, but health of the nervous system must not be neglected. Exercise that is distasteful or uninteresting is of small value and therefore the importance of joy in physical activity cannot be overestimated.

Play in the form of games, athletics, aquatic and land sports, affords the best type of exercise for the average individual. These forms of exercise are much more satisfactory because of the interest and mental exhilaration which they provoke.

To this list should be added gardening, especially because it can be carried on intensively in the springtime, when the tonic effects of outdoor exercise are most needed. As carried on by the city lot owner, it provides not only the needed muscular exercise required by those engaged in sedentary occupations but in addition the enlivening of the mind which accompanies the play forms of athletics and sports. Backyard gardening is commendable also because it helps to attain the "city beautiful" and thus adds the annual spring cleanup. It is to be assumed that a person who is interested enough to plant a garden will clear the premises and keep them cleared of rubbish and other accumulations.

Bananas

Are bananas good for a person? Answer: No individual can tell whether any particular food is "good" for a person unless he knows that person's peculiarities. Bananas, particularly after the peels blacken, are nutritious and are excellent for those who relish them. On the other hand they are not "good" when they cause indigestion.

"Postscripts"

JACKSONIAN DEMOCRACY.

The election of Jefferson ushered in an era during which the Democratic party was uninterrupted in power for a period of forty years. During this time the nation developed from a string of colonies along the Atlantic seaboard to the mighty empire stretching from the sea to the Rocky mountains. The forests and prairies of the west were transformed into farms. Mines were developed; manufacturing established; and the transportation of goods by rail became something more than a dream. After Jackson came Madison who served two terms, and then came Monroe who served another two terms. The period of Monroe was known as "The Era of Good Feeling" and party lines practically disappeared. At Monroe's second election only one electoral vote was cast in opposition, and this merely because one elector thought that no other man should stand in Washington's shoes and be chosen unanimously. The choice of Monroe's successor became a matter of personalities rather than of party politics. Four candidates appeared, all belonging to the same party. These were: John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. None of these was able to secure a majority of electoral votes, and the election was thrown into the House of Representatives. Jackson had the highest number of electors and thought he should have been chosen, Clay having the smallest number was eliminated. The House rejected John Quincy Adams, and Jackson's friends at once raised the cry of a corrupt bargain between Adams and Clay by which the former became President and made the latter his Secretary of State. Jackson believed to his dying day that there had been such collusion.

The election of Jackson four years later brought a new type of figure into the White House. Hereafter that notable office had been occupied by distinguished and polished gentlemen of Virginia or intellectual phenomena from Massachusetts. But Jackson represented the pioneer element of the new west—rough, straightforward, unlettered, and caring little or nothing for red tape.

Immediately after the election of John Quincy Adams, General Jackson had begun his next political campaign and continued in opposition to the administration during its four years. The faction supporting Adams and Clay developed into a party that was known at first as the National Republican but soon after became the Whig. The party of which Jackson was the head had generally been known as the Democratic-Republican now dropped part of the name and became known simply as the Democratic party. In the election of 1828 the only candidates were Jackson and Adams, and "Old Hickory," the well-beloved hero of New Orleans was triumphantly elected.

The coming of Jackson to the White House ushered in a new regime. Many of his enemies were turned out of office, and his friends installed in their places. Thus he has been called the father of the "Spoils System" in politics. But the fact remains that during some of the recent Republican administrations more changes have been made in one week than during the whole eight years of Jackson's regime. Jackson dismissed no man without cause; none was dismissed merely because he stood in opposition, provided he was efficient and worthy. But if he was guilty of obvious incompetence or was inefficient, the axe fell swiftly and accurately. Jackson was a stickler for efficiency, and if any of his own appointees proved incapable of fulfilling his duties, he was either dismissed or transferred to a department into which he fitted better.

Many great and difficult problems confronted Jackson during his term of office. I shall mention three of these: the tariff, the National Bank and nullification. Henry Clay has been called the father of the so-called protective tariff or "American system" as he preferred to call it. It was his idea that duties should be imposed on goods dumped into this country from Europe or elsewhere, in order that these materials should not be sold here cheaper by foreigners than they could be produced at home. This was in order to protect and encourage American manufacturers and take care of our "infant industries."

By Jackson's time, however, many of these infant industries had become lusty youngsters, and Jackson charged that the American consumer was being fleeced by some of the duties which were enormously high. He succeeded in having many of these duties reduced, and thus lowered the price to the consumers. "But in this year of grace, 1930, we are still protecting 'infant industries' that are capitalized at billions of dollars. The leaders of the Republican party are still feeding the people Clay's tariff pap, and it's all appearance."

The National Bank, a gigantic financial institution with headquarters in Philadelphia, and chartered by the United States government, had become a serious menace to our liberties. In political elections it meddled unblushingly, and it held the destiny of business men in its hands. At last it became a question as to which should be the master, the bank or the government. When the bank applied for a new charter several years ahead of expiration of its present charter, the President attacked it with his usual brusqueness and vigor, and the bank came out second best in the contest. Thus, for the time being, was averted the control of the nation by the financial interests. If I could catch the editor looking the other way I might suggest that our present Mayor is a good living model of "Old Hickory."

The nullification question was a ticklish problem, but the old war-scarred veteran in the White House didn't hesitate a moment. South Carolina was dissatisfied with the nation's attitude on the tariff and slavery, and threatened to nullify or disregard the laws, or even to withdraw from the Union of states. Jackson's answer was prompt and unequivocal: "The Union must and shall be preserved." Vice-President Calhoun was at the head of the nullification party, and him Jackson threatened to hang as "high as Haman." South Carolina withdrew her nullification resolutions and disaster was averted. Indeed, during Jackson's administration there were developed the good old Democratic doctrines of efficiency, honesty and economy.

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Bessie Love who remarkably returned to the screen following her extraordinarily fine performance in "The Broadway Melody" has furnished Hollywood with plenty of table conversation, has the featured supporting role in "They Learned About Women," the all-talking baseball picture starring Van and Schenck which Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer will present at the Rivoli Theatre for a two day engagement, starting next Monday afternoon.

An interviewer sent to corner Miss Love during the making of "They Learned About Women," found the young lady on the M-G-M lot, swinging a bat almost as big as herself and battling flies to one of the professional big league players acting in the new picture.

"Do you like baseball?" asked the interviewer foolishly, and ducked as Bessie took a vigorous swing with her bat which came perilously near his skull.

"Do I?" exclaimed Bessie. "Ever since I was a kid I liked to play ball," she said. "I guess I was pretty much of a tomboy anyway but baseball always intrigued me most. After school I used to sneak away and find a backlot game. If the boys wouldn't let me play, I'd sit on the sidelines and yell so much they had to let me play at least one inning to keep me quiet."

"I never miss a chance to go to a ball game but every time I do I always wish I were down on the field playing myself. Even here, where I know they are playing for scenes I get just as excited as though it were a real World Series game. It's great fun to bat the ball around. To me it's lots more fun than golf, even if the ball doesn't go so far. I can't say I'd make much of a fielder, though. I can never reach high enough to catch the ball."

The plot of "They Learned About Women" very much resembles the actual careers of Van and Schenck who were baseball players before they entered vaudeville to become headliners.

The story is an original by A. P. Younger and was adapted to the screen by Sarah Y. Mason. "Bugs" Baer, New York columnist, wrote the dialogue. Jack Conway and Sam Wood directed the production.

In the supporting cast beside Miss Love are Mary Moran, Eddie Gribbon, J. C. Nugent, Francis X. Bushman, Jr., Tommy Dugan and Benny Rubin.

RIVOLI OFFERS VAUDEVILLE AND "HALF MARRIAGE" FOR SUNDAY

Chase Boy Singers Heads Stage Show While Olive Borden is Starred in All-Talking Drama

Manager "Doc" Arlington of the Public-Rivoli Theatre offers another combination program of stage and screen features for Sunday afternoon and evening, the program being made up of three R-K-O vaudeville acts headed by the Chase Boy Singers, while on the talking screen will be seen and heard "Half Marriage" an all-talking and musical dramatic melo-drama with Olive Borden and big cast of players. The Chase Boy Singers, an organization of juvenile entertainers, eighteen in number, who have been in existence for the past nine years under the able direction of Charles D. Chase of Logansport, Indiana. They present a series of singing numbers comprising quartettes, duos, trios and solos that are in a class by themselves. The boys are splendidly trained and their act is different than any act now appearing in vaudeville. The Chase Boys have appeared in all the leading vaudeville and picture theatres throughout the country and have played frequent engagements in response to popular demand. Their numbers being made up of popular numbers ranging from comedy to jazz and from grand opera to ragtime with harmony and mirth blended in for good measure.

Dot Meyers and Company in a presentation called "Youth, Speed and Novelty" which is one of the most unusual acts seen in vaudeville made up of six very classy looking young misses that offer much variety in the makeup of their act. Marjorie Sweet and Warren Proctor in a comedy skit, "Comic Opera a la Carte" which is one of the outstanding laughing hits of the year.

One of the most unusual talking picture dramas to be seen and heard on the Rivoli audible screen will be "Half Marriage" which also introduces the popular star, Olive Borden, in her first all-talking vehicle and this is the first time this clever little woman's voice has been heard on the screen in Muncie. "Half Marriage" has been pictureographed from George Kibbe Turner's magazine story, "Companionate" and deals with the reckless youth of the present day, their pastimes, sports and wild parties.

The star has been surrounded by an excellent supporting cast, many of whom are prime stage favorites. Her leading man, Morgan Farley, originated the leading role in the New York production of "An American Tragedy" and created the principal part in the Theatre Guild production of "Fata Morgana." Anderson Lawler the villain, is well known on the New York stage.

Ann Greenway who sings the theme song "After the Clouds Roll By" and Ken Murray, who sings "It's All of Her" both are prime favorites with vaudeville audiences. Richard Tucker, Hedda Hopper and G. Pat Collins likewise have enviable stage followings.

"Half Marriage" serves as the initial talker for Sally Blane, Radio Pictures starlet. The show was directed by William J. Cowan, who created a furore with his "Ned McCobb's Daughter."

Gus Arnheim and his famous Coconut Grove Ambassadors are heard and seen rendering musical melodies in brilliant sequences of the Radio Picture. RCA Photophone was used to record the feature.

NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS ON DRAIN

State of Indiana, Delaware County SS: In Re—The Petition of David A. Getts, et al., for Drainage No. 319.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that in the cause now pending before the Board of Commissioners of the County of Delaware, State of Indiana, where David A. Getts, et al., are petitioners, No. 319 of the causes before said board, that the undersigned, Auditor of Delaware County, Indiana, has prepared and placed in the hands of the County Treasurer of said Delaware County, Indiana, for collection, an assessment sheet, showing the assessments against the various tracts of lands in said Delaware County, Indiana, assessed for the construction of said ditch.

Notice is further given that the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Indiana, at the regular April Term, 1930, of said Board fixed Friday, August 1st, 1930, on or before which time the owner or owners of any tract or parcel of lands in said Delaware County, Indiana, assessed for the construction of said ditch.

Witness my hand and official seal this 8th day of April, 1930. W. MAX SHAFFER, Auditor of Delaware County, Ind. April 11-18.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT OF ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given to the citizens of Muncie, Indiana, that a public hearing on an amendment to the zoning ordinance which is now pending before the common council of the City of Muncie, Indiana, will be held in the City Council Chamber in the City Hall at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. on the 5th day of May, 1930.

The proposed Amendment is as follows: Section 1—That the business district, the six hundred (600) square feet area district and eighty (80) feet height district as established by the Zone Map and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Muncie, Indiana, be amended by adding to the purpose of regulating and restricting the location of trades, callings, industries, commercial enterprises and the location of buildings designed for specific uses, of classifying, regulating and determining the area of front, rear and side yards and other open spaces about buildings, of regulating and determining the use and intensity of use and lot area within such city, creating a certain zoning appeal; defining certain terms used in said ordinance, providing a penalty for its violation and designating the time when the same shall take effect, passed by the Common Council of the City of Muncie, Indiana, September 3rd, 1923, being General Ordinance No. 17th, 1929, and said districts as

established by the Zone Map and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Muncie, Indiana, passed on the 3rd day of September, 1923, be and the same are hereby amended, supplemented and changed so as to include in said districts and transfer to said business district, to said six hundred (600) square feet area district and to said eighty (80) feet height district the following described territory in the City of Muncie, Indiana, to-wit:

LOT NUMBER FIFTEEN (15) in Calvert Place, First Addition to Town of Normal City.

The final report of the City Planning Commission on this amendment disapproved on 28th day of March, 1930 with the recommendation that LOT NUMBER FIFTEEN (15) in Calvert Place, First Addition to Town of Normal City, now Muncie, Indiana, be not changed from residential district to business district with the six hundred (600) feet area requirement, is now on file in the office of the said City Planning Commission.

Written objection to such final report filed with the Clerk of the Common Council, at or before such hearing, will be heard, and such hearing will be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Muncie, Indiana. LINTON RIDGEWAY, City Clerk and Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Muncie, this 11th day of April, 1930. April 11-18.

First Corn in State Planted

Crawfordsville, Ind., April 11.—(UP)—Honors for being the first Montgomery county person to plant corn go to Bert Dunbar, superintendent of the county farm, who planted a small field yesterday.

Last year at the county farm the first corn was planted April 19, and in 1928 on April 18. Dunbar said the ground was warm and worked well.

Wabash County Town Loses

Wabash, Ind., April 11.—(UP)—Roann, the first town in Wabash county to complete the 1930 census enumeration, has lost 19 residents since the 1920 figures were gathered, according to John O. Campbell, Marion, census supervisor for the district.

Roann's preliminary figures, subject to revision, shows the population at 395.

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COVERED WAGON PERIOD HISTORY BEING OBSERVED

Treks Across County Takes Place To Tune of Old Time Tunes.

St. Louis, Mo., April 11.—(UP)—The creaking of great wooden wheels, the crack of whips, the pounding of hoofs, and the cry "Westward, Ho!" reawakened old echoes here yesterday.

A covered wagon train, ten wagons and two buggies with a band of 81 clad in leather jackets and con-skin coats and carrying long-barreled rifles, deployed for a westward trek. The ceremony commemorates the 100th anniversary of the leave-taking of the first train to traverse the "Oregon Trail."

As 10 horses, mules and oxen throw their shoulders against the collars, fiddlers will play long-forgotten tunes, and brave wives and mothers will have a tearful farewell as their sons and husbands set forth from St. Louis, then a small trading post, to blaze the trail that has become famous in fact and fiction.

C. S. Mills, the leader, carries a letter from Governor Henry S. Caulfield to Governor A. W. Norblad of Oregon, which will be returned to the post office following the parade, and dispatched by plane. Within a few hours it will have traversed the route which the pioneers crawled along at a snail's pace.

The pageantry here marks the beginning of similar "Covered Wagon Centennial" celebrations which will be observed throughout the country and particularly in the eight states along the Oregon Trail.

Negro Bandit Jokes Until End
Chicago, April 11.—(UP)—Joking until the last, Aaron Woodward, 35, negro bandit who killed a policeman when surprised while holding up a minister, was electrocuted.

Woodward had been reprieved six times. Several spectators fainted, although a glass partition separated them from the death chamber. He was executed for the first time.

Use Machine Guns in Robbery
Piqua, Ohio, April 11.—(UP)—Four bandits, spraying adjoining building with machine gun and shotgun fire today killed one man, injured two others and robbed the Citizens National Bank and Trust Company of approximately \$5,500.

Report City of Peking Sunk
London, April 11.—(UP)—The liner City of Peking, was reported sunk today near Port Hamilton, off the coast of Korea, according to Lloyd's Nagasaki correspondent.

Pointed Paragraphs
A device to help control the thickness of electro-plated deposits has been developed.

The prickly-pear cactus, fought as a pest in Australia, is cultivated as a hedge around cattle pastures in Madagascar.

The legislature of Kentucky has appropriated \$1,500,000 to buy lands around Mammoth Cave for use as a national park.

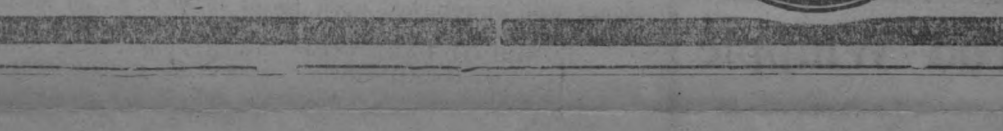
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NOTICE FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF REFRESHMENT STAND IN HECKEN PARK.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance to resolution adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Muncie, Indiana, the said Board will receive bids until 5:00 o'clock, p. m., April 22, 1930, for the furnishing of all materials and construction of a refreshment stand in Heekin Park, in the City of Muncie, Indiana.

The bidder to file with his bid a certified check or cash, in the amount of \$100, as guarantee of full compliance and signing of contract for the construction of the said refreshment stand and the furnishing of sufficient bond for the completion thereof. All bids to be accompanied by usual statutory provisions of non-collusion.

Plans and specifications of said refreshment stand can be had and are kept on file at the office of the Board of Park Commissioners, City Hall City of Muncie, Indiana.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, all checks or cash deposited by unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon request of bidders.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,
 Florence Manford, Clerk
 (April 11-11)

NOTICE OF RECEIVING OF BIDS FOR REFRESHMENT SALES PRIVILEGES IN THE PUBLIC PARKS OF CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Muncie, Indiana, will receive sealed bids at its office in City Hall, City of Muncie, Indiana, until 11 o'clock A. M. April 19th, 1930, for grant and privilege of the exclusive sale of various kinds of refreshments at the following designated Public Parks of the City of Muncie, Indiana, to wit: McCullough Park, part known as Colored part of said Park.

Heekin Park and Rose Park, all grants and privileges let without privileges of subletting and the location of sales of refreshments are to be at points selected and fixed by the Superintendent of Parks, and subject to the rules of the Board of Park Commissioners and subject to revocation by Mayor of the City for any violation of Park rules or of violation of any City Ordinance or State Law.

Bids to be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Park Commissioners accompanied with the usual Statutory Affidavit of non-collusion. Board reserves right to reject any and all bids.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 1930.
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,
 Florence Manford, Clerk
 April 4-11.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

State of Indiana, Delaware County, SS: In Delaware Circuit Court, January Term, 1930.
 In Re—The Petition of David L. Richards, et al., for drainage, No. 5339.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, to whom was assigned the construction of the ditch and drain described in the final report of the drainage commissioners in the above entitled cause, will on Saturday, April 26th, 1930, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. receive bids at the office of John Watson, County Surveyor, in the Court House in the City of Muncie, Indiana, for the construction of said ditch and drain.

Said contract will be let to the lowest bidder. Bond or certified check of \$200.00 to accompany bid for construction of said work. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

JOHN WATSON,
 County Surveyor and Superintendent of Construction.
 Dated April 3rd, 1930.
 April 4-11.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

State of Indiana, Delaware County, SS: In the Delaware Circuit Court, Homer C. Wood vs. Anita M. Wood.

January term, 1930, complaint for divorce.

No. 6649.
 Notice is hereby given the said defendant Anita M. Wood that the plaintiff has filed his complaint herein, together with an affidavit that the said defendant is not a resident of the state of Indiana, and that unless she be and appear on Monday, the 12th day of May, 1930, the 21st day of the next term of said Court, to be holden on the first Monday in April A. D. 1930, at the Court House in the City of Muncie in said County and state, the said cause will be heard and determined in her absence.

Witness, the Clerk and the Seal of said Court, affixed at the City of Muncie this 17th day of March, A. D. 1930.

Perry W. Mansfield, Clerk.
 Walterhouse and Miller, Plaintiff's attorneys.
CITY ADVERTISEMENT.

Notice of the passage of an ordinance concerning the control of fire alarms in the City of Muncie, Indiana: Providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Section 1.—Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Muncie, Indiana, that any person who shall give, or cause to be given any false alarm of fire, by means of any telegraph box, or telephone box, or by means of any electrical device connected with the fire alarm system of the City of Muncie, Indiana, or who shouts a false call of fire, shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not to exceed three hundred dollars, (\$300.00), to which may be added imprisonment not exceeding sixty days (60).

Section 2.—Be it further ordained that any section of ordinance now in force in the City of Muncie in conflict with this ordinance, is hereby repealed. This ordinance passed by the Common Council of Muncie, Indiana, this 17th day of March, 1930.

Passed by the Common Council under suspension of rules, this 17th day of March, 1930.

HUBERT L. PARKINSON,
 President of the Council.
 Presented by me to the Mayor, this 24th day of March, 1930.

LINTON RIDGEWAY,
 City Clerk.
 Signed and approved by the Mayor, this 3rd day of April, 1930.

GEORGE R. DALE,
 Mayor.
 Attest: Linton Ridgeway,
 (Seal) City Clerk.
 (April 11-11)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Indiana, will receive sealed bids up to the hour of 10:00 a. m. on Monday, May 5, 1930 at the Auditor's office of said county, for closed automobile for use at the Children's Home. Seller to include bid on used car now at Home.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 Done this 11th day of April, 1930.
W. MAX SHAFER,
 Auditor Delaware Co. Ind.
 (April 11-18)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Indiana, will receive sealed bids up to the hour of 10:00 a. m., on Monday, May 5, 1930 at the Auditor's office of said county, for carpet with padding for space within railing around Judge's Desk in Circuit Court room. Samples to be submitted.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
W. MAX SHAFER,
 Auditor Delaware Co. Ind.
 (April 11-18)

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS.

State of Indiana, Delaware County, ss: In the Delaware Circuit Court, April Term, 1930.
 Cause No. 7420.

Oliver D. Storer vs. L. E. Cowger, whose Christian name is unknown, and L. E. Cowger, whose Christian name is unknown, the unknown children, descendants, heirs, surviving spouses, creditors, administrators of estates, devisees, legatees, trustees and executors of the last will and testament, successors in interest and assigns respectively of each of the foregoing persons, the spouses of all the persons above named, described and designated as defendants in this action who are married, the names of all of whom are unknown to the plaintiff; all persons and corporations who assert or might assert any title claim or interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint in this action, by, under or through any of the defendants to this action named, described and designated in said complaint, the names of all of whom are unknown to this plaintiff; that the plaintiff in the above entitled cause of action has filed his complaint in the Delaware Circuit Court to quiet his title to the following described real estate in Delaware County, State of Indiana, to-wit:

Lot number nine (9) in block number eight (8) in the Muncie Land Company's subdivision of a part of the Witt tract, as recorded in Plat Book No. 3, at page 13 of the records of Plats of Delaware County, State of Indiana.

As against all demands, claims and claimants whatsoever, and as against the defendants and each of them, and against any and all persons whomsoever and against the whole world, together with an affidavit that the residence of each of the above named defendants, upon diligent search and inquiry, is unknown; and that unless you, upon diligent search and inquiry, find the residence of each of the above named defendants, and each of you be and appear in

the Delaware Circuit Court of said County and State, on Thursday, the 6th day of June, 1930, the day of this the April Term of said Court now in session at the Court House in the City of Muncie, in said County and State, the said Cause will be heard and determined in your absence.

Witness, the Clerk and Seal of said Court, affixed at the City of Muncie, Indiana, this 11th day of April, 1930.

PERRY W. MANSFIELD,
 Clerk of the Delaware Circuit Court.
 Elmer E. Botkin,
 Attorney for Plaintiff.
 (April 11-18-25)

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON APPROPRIATIONS

In the matter of the passage of certain ordinances by common council of the City of Muncie, Indiana, Delaware County, providing for special appropriation of funds.

Notice is hereby given taxpayers of the City of Muncie, Indiana, Delaware County, that a public hearing will be in the City Hall, Muncie, Indiana, on the 5th day of May, 1930, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. on ordinances making special and additional appropriations.

An ordinance authorizing the clerk of the city of Muncie, Indiana, to purchase automobile court-essary and making special appropriation out of general funds of sum of \$171.00 to pay for same.

An ordinance making special appropriation of the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Board of Public Works to purchase supplies of oil, stone, gravel and cinders for use of unimproved streets.

An ordinance empowering the city clerk of the city of Muncie, Indiana, to employ additional office help and making special appropriation of the sum of \$540 with which to pay additional employee.

An ordinance authorizing the department of law of city of Muncie to employ stenographer, purchase typewriter and employ special legal assistants and making special appropriation in the sum of \$2,500.00 for the payment of salary of stenographer, purchase typewriter, special legal assistant, witness fees and expenses.

Taxpayers appearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. After the special appropriations have been decided upon by the Council, ten or more taxpayers, feeling themselves aggrieved by such appropriations may appeal to the state board of tax commissioners for further and final action thereon by filing a petition therewith with the county auditor not later than ten (10) days from the date of the final action of said council and the state

board of tax commissioners will fix a date of hearing in this city.

COMMON COUNCIL,
 of City of Muncie, Indiana.
 Linton Ridgeway, City Clerk.
 April 11-18.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

State of Indiana, Delaware County, SS: Before the Board of Commissioners of the County of Delaware, State of Indiana, April Term, 1930.
 In re—The Petition of Grover C. Arbogast, et al. for drainage, No. 5322.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, to whom was assigned the construction of the ditch and drain described in the final report of the drainage commissioners in the above entitled cause, will on Saturday, April 26th, 1930, at the

hour of 10 o'clock A. M. receive bids at the office of John Watson, County Surveyor, in the Court House in the City of Muncie, Indiana, for the construction of said ditch and drain.

Said contract will be let to the lowest bidder. Bond or certified check of \$200.00 to accompany bid for construction of said work. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

EDWIN R. COWLEY,
 Superintendent of Construction.
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